

November 04, 2003

Supreme Court Clerk
P. O. Box 30052
Lansing, Michigan 48909

RE: PROPOSED COURT RULE NO. 2003-47

TO: MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT:

This letter is written to express my opposition to the Proposed Court Rule No. 2003-47. The asbestos industry's attempt to have the Michigan Supreme Court change the law and deny and deprive me of my right to trial by jury is illegal and unconstitutional.

The Michigan Constitution as well as the United States Constitution makes it clear that judges are not to make the law but rather interpret the law. Why is the Michigan Supreme Court even considering taking steps that would effectively change the law by denying Michigan asbestos disease victims their right to a jury trial.

It seems that Michigan and the Michigan Supreme Court are being used as tools of the asbestos industry and big business to deny working people their constitutional rights to jury trials when harmed by corporate misconduct.

The crisis in the State of Michigan regarding asbestos litigation is the fact that big business, corporations, the asbestos industry and law firms like Dickinson Wright feel free to try to take working peoples' lawsuits out of court and away from juries.

The real crisis in Michigan is the failure of corporations to take responsibility for their bad actions and the willingness of big business and certain conservative republican judges to blame the victims of corporate misconduct instead of holding the corporations accountable.

In conclusion, the asbestos industry's proposed "Court Rule 2003-47" **SHOULD NOT SUCCEED.** Working class citizens of Michigan should not be denied their constitutional rights to a trial by jury.

Respectfully submitted,

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